# DOOR COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF**





It was with great honor and humility I entered into my duties as the Door County Sheriff January 7th, 2019 and it's been my honor to serve you as Sheriff of Door County over the past two years. The past year has been very challenging for all of us to say the least. Members of the Sheriff's Office were faced with various challenges and obstacles while trying to safely carry out their duties during the pandemic. The professionalism, positive attitudes, dedication and their ability to come together and find creative ways to safely continue providing services to the community and our visitors was simply amazing and shouldn't go unnoticed.

Despite it all, we had a very busy year. We had some longtime members of the Sheriff's Office retire, staff promotions, and welcomed new members to the Sheriff's Office. As an organization we put a high value on our guiding principles of Integrity, Professionalism, Fairness and Teamwork while serving our community each and every day.

I'm a firm believer in "It Takes a Community". Our organizations continued pledge to the citizens of Door County is to continue working collaboratively with community partners on issues facing our community so Door County remains a safe place to live, work, visit and raise our families.

I'm truly blessed to have the opportunity to lead an organization full of dedicated men and women in a community who supports their law enforcement officers. I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their sacrifice and service to our community.

Also, thank the community for your continued support. Without the partnerships we have we couldn't do what we do. I'm excited to see what 2021 will bring for the Sheriff's Office and our community partnerships once we can start meeting and holding events again.

The purpose of our annual report is to provide an overview of what's happening at the Door County Sheriff's Office and within our community. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to myself or a member of the command staff.

**Sheriff Tammy** 



CHIEF DEPUTY
PATRICK MCCARTY



JAIL LIEUTENANT KYLE VEESER



FIELD LIEUTENANT BRAD SHORTREED



The Door County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to the safety and welfare of all citizens and visitors. We are committed to partnering with the community to solve problems and improve public safety in a manner that is fair, transparent, and consistent.

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**Integrity -** We are committed to the enforcement of laws and the preservation of order. We are honest, truthful, and consistent in our words and actions, and therefore worthy of the public's trust. We exercise discretion in a manner that is beyond reproach. We do not accept gifts or special considerations as a consequence of our office.

**Professionalism -** We treat the public and our colleagues with courtesy and respect. We understand that our appearance, words, and demeanor contribute to the public's confidence in us. We are responsive to the community, and deliver services promptly and efficiently.

**Fairness -** We act with fairness, restraint, and impartiality in carrying out our duties. We work with the community to continually understand and overcome cultural influences and unconscious biases. We understand that our actions, combined with the way we treat members of the community, contributes to our "legitimacy" in the eyes of the public.

**Teamwork -** We work together as one organization in carrying out the mission of the sheriff's office; our respective units do not act as distinct "silos" from one another. As individual members of the department, we are respectful to each other and work collectively to solve problems and serve the community.



#### PATROL DIVISION



The Door County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division is the primary response for police services for the citizens and visitors in Door County.

The Patrol Division is comprised of 23 uniformed deputies 10 reserve deputies. The Patrol Division is led by the Field Services Lieutenant. Division members include:



- 1- Field Services Lieutenant
- 3- Road Sergeants
- **18-Patrol Deputies**
- 1-K9 Deputy
- 10-Reserve Deputies



Uniformed deputies are assigned to one of three shifts. Each shift is supervised by a road sergeant. A uniformed K-9 deputy works an overlapping cover shift. Investigations is supervised by the Investigative Sergeant. Investigations includes 2 general investigators and 1 drug investigator. The Investigative Sergeant also supervisors the 3 school resource officers assigned to the three school districts that have contracted for services.



Door County has a total area of 2,370 square miles of which 482 square miles is land and 1,888 square miles is water with 298 miles of shoreline. The Patrol Division provides a wide array of services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Sheriff's Office has primary jurisdiction for 11 of the unincorporated towns and 4 of the villages within Door County as well as waters of Green Bay and Lake Michigan.

The Patrol Division is responsible for responding to calls for service and investigating crimes committed within the county. Uniformed deputies are the initial response to many incidents, which include command and control of major emergency situations. They also provide traffic enforcement and crash investigations for the 1270 miles of town, county and state roads located in Door County.



COUNTY OF DOOR								
2020 LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC PATROL STATISTICS								
	TRAFFIC CITATIONS	OWI ARRESTS	ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	MONTHLY TOTAL				
JANUARY	138	4	5	147				
FEBRUARY	143	10	8	161				
MARCH	65	6	4	75				
APRIL	12	0	6	18				
MAY	48	2	1	51				
JUNE	77	7	10	94				
JULY	140	10	7	157				
AUGUST	173	13	14	200				
SEPTEMBER	116	7	13	136				
OCTOBER	71	4	4	79				
NOVEMBER	69	5	6	80				
DECEMBER	74	7	2	88				
YEARLY TOTAL	1126	75	80	1281				

ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS						
5 YEARS AT A GLANCE						
	CITATIONS AND					
	ORDINANCES	OWI ARRESTS				
2016	1478	67				
2017	1340	77				
2018	1437	85				
2019	1491	90				
2020	1206	75				





2020 CRASH HISTORY								
	PROPERTY	DEER			MONTHLY			
	DAMAGE	HITS	INJURIES	FATALITIES	TOTAL			
JANUARY	41	27	4	0	45			
FEBRUARY	33	14	5	0	38			
MARCH	22	16	1	0	23			
APRIL	22	13	1	0	23			
MAY	26	19	5	1	32			
JUNE	34	24	10	1	45			
JULY	27	12	13	0	40			
AUGUST	29	9	14	0	43			
SEPTEMBER	37	20	9	1	47			
OCTOBER	53	39	9	0	62			
NOVEMBER	62	60	5	0	67			
DECEMBER	37	24	7	0	44			
YEARLY TOTAL	423	277	83	3	509			



CRASH HISTORY							
5 YEARS AT A GLANCE							
CRASHES FATAL YEARLY (INCLUDES CRASHES TOTAL INJURY)							
2016	719	3	722				
2017	673	1	674				
2018	628	7	635				
2019	694	5	699				
2020	506	3	509				



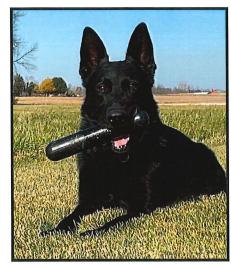
#### **K9 UNIT**

The Door County Sheriff's Office has one K9, Odinn and his handler is Deputy Matthew Tassoul. Together K9 Odinn and Deputy Tassoul assist other officers when drugs are suspected to be in a vehicle during a traffic stop and they assist the drug unit while conducting search warrants.

K9 Odinn and Deputy Tassoul attend training in collaboration with the Brown County Sheriff's Office and Green Bay Police Department K9 Units.

Since 2017 K9 Odinn has assisted in seizing:

- 1,432.6g of THC
- 169.2g Cocaine
- 5.22g Methamphetamine



K9 Odinn



2020 K9 STATISTICS								
Total K9 Deployments	57							
Building search/clear and alarms	9							
School/building/vehicle narcotic search	14							
Tracking	3							
Armed Suspect/Wanted Person	8							
Deployment as possible Use of Force	9							
Special events/demonstrations	4							
Area searches (persons)	5							
THC seized (grams)	N/A-COVID							
Methamphetamine seized (grams)	N/A-COVID							
Yearly Training Hours	386.35 hours							





#### **INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**



The Investigative Division is multi-faceted and uses a variety of investigative techniques to seek justice for victims of any serious crime. The division is comprised of cross-trained investigators who each specialize in certain areas of expertise. Through collaboration with the Sturgeon Bay Police Department, the division has welcomed a new, specialized, technological position of digital forensic examiner to the team.

The Investigative Division is comprised of:

- 1 Sergeant Investigator
- 1 Drug Investigator
- 1 Digital Forensic Examiner (shared position)
- 2 General Investigators



# Top 5 Crimes investigated are:

Fraud, Drug Crimes, Sexual Assaults, Domestic Abuse, Theft

2020 DRUG INCIDENTS							
CHARGE	# OF INCIDENTS						
Possession of Marijuana (Ordinance)	26						
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (Ordinance)	38						
Possession of Methamphetamine	8						
Possession w/Intent to Deliver Marijuana	2						
Possession of Schedule I, II, III or IV Drug	1						
Possession w/Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine	3						
Delivery of Methamphetamine	11						
Delivery of Marijuana	2						
Possession of Cocaine	2						
Possession w/Intent to Deliver Heroin	1						
Maintain Drug Trafficking Place	2						

#### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**



The COREMatters Project is a 13 week curriculum that is co-taught by the SRO and a Physical Education teacher to the 4th or 5th grade students. The CORE-Matters Project teaches social emotional wellness with physical fitness utilizing the are of Tae Kwon Do which is based on discipline and respect. The curriculum is made to provide children the learning skills to be resilient and handle adversity, have respect for oneself and others, make better decisions, and bulling prevention. The COREMatters Project develops outer core strengthening the inner core character traits by practicing the "Code of Conduct" as follows:

- Loyalty
- Obedience
- Love
- Cooperation
- Faithful
- Respect

- Honesty
- Compassion
- Peaceful
- Persistence







#### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**

A School Resource Officer (SRO) is a career law enforcement officer with sworn authority who is deployed by an employing police department or agency in a community-oriented policing assignment to work in collaboration with one or more schools. SRO's basically have three roles at the schools:

- Teacher/Educator—Speak with the kids about drugs, tobacco, vaping, alcohol awareness and driver's education (traffic law), personal safety and other crime prevention topics.
- Informal Counselor/Mentor—Another caring adult in the school that will listen and be a positive role model/mentor to students.
- Law Enforcement Officer—Assist school guidance teachers to mediate and resolve conflicts, counsel students and parents on law related matters, proactively connect with and divert at-risk students from the juvenile justice system.

An SRO interacts and communicates with students (classrooms, lunch room, recess, and sports) as a way to build positive relationships. The SRO helps teach the students that police officers are not bad people and that they are positive members of the community and can be trusted when a student may need help. The SRO investigates criminal complaints, provides security checks to the school grounds and monitors camera surveillance. The SRO provides security at school sponsored athletic and civil events.















#### **JAIL DIVISION**



The Jail Division is comprised of the Jail, Huber Release Unit, Electronic Monitoring Unit, and Court Security Unit. The Jail is a 143 bed direct supervision facility which provides a safe and secure environment for incarcerated persons. The operational capacity of the facility is 109 inmates.

The Huber Release Unit oversees pre and post-conviction programming and alternatives to incarceration such as Work Release, Electronic Monitoring, and Pre-trial Release Monitoring Program.

The Jail Division is comprised of the following staff:

- (1) Lieutenant
- (1) Administrative Assistant
- (3) Sergeants
- (15) Full-Time Deputies
- (6) Part-Time Deputies
- (2) Court Security Deputies
- (2)On-Call Court Security Deputies



The following programs are offered to the inmates incarcerated in the Door County Jail:

- Healthy Relationship Class
- Building Strong Families
- GED/HSED
- Inmate Worker Program
- AODA Group
- Individual Mental Health Counseling
- Religious Programs
- Employment Counseling
- Operation Fresh Start
- Centering Breath (Relaxation & Meditation)
- Journaling Poets
- Pretrial Release Program



#### **2020 AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION**

	Gender				# of *Boa	# on		
Month	# of male	# of female	**Huber Inmates	Kewaunee	Mani- towoc	DOC Sanctioned	***EMP or home monitor	DC Jail Inmates
January	59	8	16	0	8	5	3	51
February	70	10	16	1	12	9	4	54
March	56	11	9	1	3	10	5	48
April	32	4	0	0	1	1	3	31
May	30	2	0	0	1	0	2	29
June	33	2	1	0	1	0	3	31
July	45	6	14	0	1	0	3	47
August	44	8	15	1	1	1	0	49
September	48	11	14	1	1	2	0	55
October	51	12	17	1	1	2	1	58
November	33	11	1	0	1	1	1	41
December	27	13	0	0	1	1	1	37
AVERAGE	44	8	9	0	0	3	2	44

<sup>\*</sup>Boarders (DOC Sanctions, Safekeepers) - Individuals housed in our facility from other jurisdictions (County/State/Federal)





<sup>\*\*</sup>Huber Inmates—Individuals serving jail time that are granted the privilege of leaving jail to work, provide child care or attend school

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>EMP or Home Monitor—Individuals serving jail time under alternative methods, such as home detention or electronic monitoring. Alternative to physical confinement in jail. Individuals are supervised 24/7 by location and alcohol monitoring devices.

	2020 Jail Bookings by Month										
Month	Bookings	Male	Female	New Offense	Probation Hold	Serve Sentence	Safe Keekper	Warrant	Court Writ		
January	81	59	22	38	19	8	12	5	3		
February	82	61	21	36	12	13	20	4	2		
March	56	42	14	34	9	10	3	3	1		
April	16	13	3	10	4	4	0	1	0		
May	18	16	2	10	8	2	0	3	0		
June	53	46	7	23	11	20	0	4	0		
July	45	34	11	30	8	4	0	5	0		
August	67	46	21	46	12	9	1	5	0		
September	53	43	10	36	6	7	0	6	0		
October	42	29	13	22	11	10	0	2	1		
November	47	36	11	. 27	14	5	0	6	0		
December	30	22	8	23	7	1	0	4	0		
TOTAL	590	447	143	335	121	93	36	48	7		





JAIL POPULATION 5 YEAR COMPARISON									
	AVERAGE				AVERAGE				
	DAILY				LENGTH OF				
YEAR	POPULATION	ADMISSIONS	MALE	FEMALE	STAY (DAYS)				
2016	71	934	726	208	20				
2017	43	939	718	221	18				
2018	79	877	682	195	19				
2019	80	889	693	96	18				
2020	52	626	528	98	14				

## PRE-TRIAL RELEASE MONITORING PROGRAM

The Door County Sheriff's Office began the Pretrial Release Monitoring Program in October 2018. The Pretrial Program helps address public safety concerns and reduce jail costs for pretrial defendants, while allowing individuals to maintain their employment and fulfill their family obligations.

A pretrial risk assessment (VPRAI-R) is completed on all individual booked into the Door County Jail on new charges. The risk assessment is designed to provide information about the risk of failure that a given defendant poses if released before adjudication on his/her case. Typically, failure is defined as fail to appear (FTA) for the scheduled court date and/or re-arrest for further criminal violations prior to adjudication.

An individual who spent 379 days on the alcohol monitoring program said:

"I support this program. I support it 100% and I would recommend more people go through it. If you take it seriously enough, you really do find the benefits and can learn to go through life sober."

PRETRAIL RELEASE MONITORING					
PROGRAM					
Alcohol	40				
GPS	21				
Drug	17				
Multiple Devices	2				





# **SECURITY CHECKPOINT**

The Door County Security Checkpoint screening center is comprised of two Court Security deputies who screen all those who enter the second floor of the Justice Center for weapons. In 2020 a total of 7,313 individuals were screened, with 140 potential weapons confiscated.

The Court Security Unit is responsible for courthouse security, prisoner transportation, interstate extraditions and video court appearances.

	La	w Enforcer	nent Actio		Checkpoint Screening				
Month	Arrests	Warrants	Escorts	Transports	Other Actions	Number Screened	Knives	Other Weapons	Video Appearance
January	1	0	37	11	14	1,317	10	6	31
February	8	0	31	9	8	1,046	14	6	21
March	4	2	18	5	9	705	6	2	27
April May	Buildi	ng Closu	re due	to COVID	-19	0			4
June			2		1	74			1
July	1		12	12	8	819	21		28
August	5		11	5	10	960	25	3	46
September	4	1	9	5	12	803	22	1	47
October	4		6	5	7	772	7	1	29
November	1		4	3	2	389	6		37
December			3	7	8	428	6	4	50
	28	3	133	62	79	7,313	117	23	321
Total			305					461	





#### **RESERVE UNIT**

The Door County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputies provide a multitude of different functions for the sheriff's office. Reserve deputies provide security for:

- The Door County Fair
- Numerous school functions including sporting events, dances and homecoming activities.
- Transport of prisoners and they provide security for persons requiring a deputy to monitor them while at the Door County Medical Center
- Reserve deputies provide traffic control and monitor crowds at numerous summer events and festivities in the county during the summer months including the Door County Triathlon, the Century Ride bicycle event, parades, Fourth of July celebrations, craft/fine arts fairs, Sister Bay Fall Fest, Egg Harbor Pumpkin Patch Fest, and assist with security at other events in different townships in the county.
- Reserve deputies are called upon to assist with traffic control and scene security at major unexpected events that occur in the county such as, crashes or other emergency situations requiring additional resources.



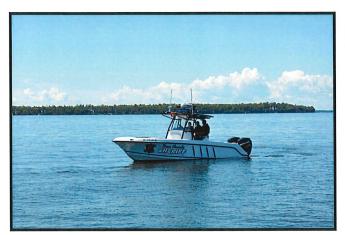
#### **MARINE UNIT**

The Door County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit has jurisdiction of just over 1,800 square miles of navigable wa-

ters. Our patrol unit is currently comprised of 5 boat operators, utilizing one 29'

Donzi boat, with twin 250 HP Mercury outboards. The Door County Sheriff's Office participates in the Department of Natural Resources Water Safety Patrol grant. The grant reimburses for time spent on marine patrol activities.

2020 MARINE PATROL			
SAFETY INSPECTIONS	10		
CITATIONS	7		
WARNINGS	15		
TOTAL HOURS PATROLED	80		





# **SNOWMOBILE PATROL**

The Door County Sheriff's Office leases two Ski Doo 600 snowmobiles through a grant provided by the Department of Natural Resources. The DNR Snowmobile

Patrol grant reimburses the Door County Sheriff's Office for the enforcement of the State and club trails at a rate determined by the DNR based on the number of counties that participate in the grant program.

The Door County Sheriff's Office snowmobile patrol, patrols approximately 250 miles of State and club trails throughout all of Door County, and includes the State trail system through Peninsula and Potawatomi State Park, along with the frozen bodies

of water located along and within Door County.

2020 SNOWMOBILE PATROL			
ACCIDENTS	0		
CITATIONS	3		
WARNINGS	9		
TOTAL HOURS PATROLED	52.5 hrs.		

## **CRASH INVESTIGATION UNIT**

The Door County Sheriff's Office Crash Team responds to fatal, serious injury, multivehicle, or strange vehicle crashes within Door County. The Crash Teams objective is to process the crash scene to determine if criminal charges may be filed, and who may be at fault for the crash. During the crash investigation, Crash Team members process the scene for any evidence, including a thorough inspection of the vehicles involved, tires marks, debris, witness, and roadway evidence.

The Crash Team members act as a liaison to the Medical Examiner Office, Door County District Attorney Office, families, and the Insurance companies involved. The Door County Sheriff's Office Crash Team has four members who received extensive training in crash investigation, along with yearly training in crash investigations.



#### **DEPARTMENT DRONE**

The Door County Sheriff's Office utilizes the drone to assist with Search and Rescue efforts, investigations, and technical accident scene investigations. The department has 4 drone operators with one operator being the Chief Drone Pilot. Drone pilots are professionally trained and also train periodically to maintain skills. Drone missions are very specific and typically are search and rescue oriented. Drone operators also assist other government agencies with aerial photography.

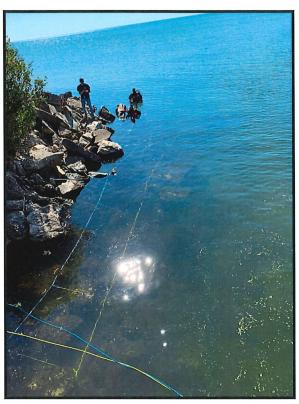


# SPECIALTY TEAMS

#### **DIVE TEAM**

The Door County Sheriff's Office contributes to a multi-jurisdictional dive team that combines members from the Sturgeon Bay Police Department, Sturgeon Bay Fire Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Door County Emergency Services as well as the Door County Sheriff's Office The team is currently comprised of 14 members who all have other, regular duty assignments. The team assembles monthly throughout the year for a full day of training and is available on an on-call basis. The dive team is also part of the Wisconsin Aligned Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) - which is subject to deployment throughout the State.

The dive team exists to provide a professional level of emergency water rescue and recovery



## **CERT TEAM**

The Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a team of highly trained and highly motivated Security Deputy's tasked with responding to incidents including cell/housing unit extractions, disturbances within the jail possibly involving uncooperative or violent inmates, barricaded inmates, riots, mass searches, or hostage situations. CERT Team members are outfitted with extensive gear, including body armor, riot helmets, and specialty weapons. Some of these specialty weapons include less-than-lethal tasers, stun shields, OC spray, or pepperball launchers. CERT Team members are required to be contactable and available to respond at all times.





#### **SWAT TEAM**

The Door County Sheriff's Office Multi-Jurisdictional Team is comprised of 22 members with the following designations:

- 1 Commander (Sheriff's Office)
- 1 Team Leader (Sheriff's Office)
- 1 Assistant Team Leader (Sturgeon Bay PD)
- 1 Canine Officer (Sheriff's Office)
- 9 Tactical Officers (5 Sheriff's Office, 4 SBPD)
- 4 SWAT Medics (Door County Emergency Services)
- 2 Snipers (Sheriff's Office)
- 3 Crisis/Hostage Negotiators



The Door County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team, is a designated team of Officers who are recruited, selected, trained, equipped, and assigned to resolve critical incidents involving threats to public safety. They respond to incidents which would otherwise exceed the capabilities of traditional law enforcement first responders and/or investigative units. The purpose of the SWAT Team is to increase the likelihood of safely resolving critical, rapidly evolving, incidents. The main characteristic of SWAT, that distinguishes it from other Sheriff's Office units, is its focus on tactical solutions. The SWAT Team trains for, and responds to, mission and incidents such as:

- Hostage Rescue Situations
- Armored Vehicle Operations
- Armed Barricaded Subjects
- Armed Suicidal Subjects
- Woodland Operations
- Waterborne SWAT Operations
- High Risk Search/Arrest Warrants
- High Risk Security Operations
- Counter Sniper Incidents



**HONOR GUARD** 

The Door County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard is comprised of seven dedicated deputies with a desire to honor, respect and

serve the communities of Door County. The Honor Guard Team was formed as a permanent unit in March of 2008. Members of the Team have been sent to training sponsored by the Washington DC Honor Guard. Training has encompassed official formations, specialized handling in rifles, flag details, and a verity of march styles. Each year, team members of the Honor Guard represent the Door County Sheriff's Office by attending the National Law Enforcement Memorial Service, funeral services/processions of fallen Officers, Wisconsin Honor Guard Association Conference, presenting/posting of "Colors" at local parades, conferences as well as school activities. Being a member of the Honor Guard Team provides us with memorable and rewarding experiences.









#### **COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**



The Emergency Management Director oversees the Communications Division. The Communications Division works out of the Justice Center and handles emergency and non-emergency call taking, radio communications, and dispatch services for all law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical service providers within Door County

to include:

•	4 Law	Enforcement	Agencies
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- 1 Ambulance Service
- 10 Fire Departments
- 12 First Responders Groups
- WI DNR/ WI State Patrol/ US Coast Guard

The Communication Center is staffed with:

- 1 Director
- 1 Dispatch Supervisor
- 9 Dispatchers

2020		
TOTAL		
8,511		
34,953		

CALLS FOR SERVICE		
2020	12,181	
2019	12,479	
2018	11,994	
2017	12,417	
2016	12,252	









# **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**







**HELP of Door County Event** 



Chop 'N Shop With A Cop



WI National Guard COVID-19 Testing



Salvation Army

# "Freeze Your Badge Off"











Lights of Christmas



Girl Scout Troop Tour







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